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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIRECT IMAGE PICK-UP OF

GRANULAR SPECK PATTERN GENERATED BY REFLECTING

LIGHT OF LASER BEAM

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2006, Applicants respond as follows. Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.